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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR RELATIVES OF SONN VOEUNSAI

REF: STATE 124502

1. FORMER GKR AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES SONN VOEUNSAI HAS BROUGHT US LETTERS ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY THOMAS ENDERS REQUESTING POLITICAL ASYLUM AND SUPPORT IN THE UNITED STATES (LETTERS BEING POUCHED TO EA/LC). PREVIOUSLY SONN VOEUNSAI HAD INDICATED THERE WAS NO URGENCY IN HIS REQUEST FOR ASYLUM, AND HE WOULD BE ABLE TO WAIT OUT THE RESETTLEMENT OF THOSE EVACUATED BY THE U.S. WHO ARE IN NEED OF MORE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, SONN VOEUNSAI NOW BELIEVES THAT HE IS IN PHYSICAL DANGERS FROM THREATS BY CAMBODIAN COMMUNISTS. HE HAS THEREFORE ASKED FOR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY WASHINGTON OF HIS REQUEST ON THE GROUNDS OF PREVIOUS CLOSE CONNECTION TO THE UNITED STATES THE REUNITING OF HIS FAMILY (OF WHOM SEVERAL MEMBERS

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ARE IN THE UNITED STATES) AND THE DANGER TO WHICH HE

BELIEVES HE IS EXPOSED IN FRANCE.

2. SONN VOEUNSAI IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF FORMER CHIEF OF STATE CHENG HENG WHO WENT TO THE UNITED STATES MAY 31 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE. WE BELIEVE AS RESULT OF THE ASSISTANCE LIRS PROVIDED TO CHENG HENG, WE MUST EXPECT FURTHER APPLICATIONS FROM HIGH CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS, WHO, WHILE NOT IN DANGER OF EXPULSION FROM FRANCE, ARE BEING GIVEN A COOL AND UNGENEROUS WELCOME HERE.

3. DETAILED INFORMATION ON EACH PROSPECTIVE PAROLEE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE 124502, WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL.
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